

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7 and 16 have been amended, and claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 3-18 are pending in this application.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Heida, or Kwok et al., in view of Crenshaw et al. Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Heida, or Kwok et al., in view of Crenshaw et al., and further in view of Narwankar et al. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has canceled claim 2 and included all of the limitations of canceled claim 2 into claim 1. Applicant has amended claims 3, 6 and 7 to be dependent on claim 1. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections are moot and claim 1, which includes the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 2, and its dependent claims should be allowable.

Claims 16 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter

which Applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has amended claim 16 to be dependent on claim 12 according to the Examiner's kind suggestions. It is submitted that claims 16 and 18 are now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 16 and 18 is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 11-15 and 17 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicant further notes with appreciation that claims 16 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action. As noted above, claims 16 and 18 are now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 16 and 18 are allowable.

The prior art made of the record and not relied upon is noted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 3-18 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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